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Young Women's College Preparatory Academy

Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024, the Shared Decision-Making Committee of Young Women's College Preparatory Academy convened for the third meeting of the school year. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Dr. Davis shared this meeting was our Quarter 3 meeting. There will be one more for the year. She also shared appreciation for everyone sharing a portion of their evening to attend the meeting.

During the meeting the following topics were discussed:

I. STAAR and AP Testing

- a. The testing schedule was provided for review.
- b. Attendees were encouraged to mark the dates on their personal calendar in the event parents need to plan appointments for their scholars. They can plan around these dates.
- c. STAAR Field Test was given on February 5th and 6th.
- d. ASVAB is available for graduating seniors who are interested in entering the military. It is not a mandated test. It is only for those that want to pursue a career in the military. Due to being a college preparatory school, our push is always for college enrollment. We do have 100% matriculation from high school to college every year and it is still our focus. By law, we still have to offer the ASVAB.
- e. TELPAS, Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System, is an assessment for our English Learners whose home language is not English. They take the test every year until they are exited from the English Learner program.
- f. SAT for juniors is in March.
- g. We begin STAAR testing in April.
- h. AP testing will take place the first two weeks of May.
- i. Seniors take final exams the week prior to the other grade levels.
- j. The school year ends with final exams.

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II. Attendance

- a. The attendance data from the district dashboard A4E was shared. The dashboard tells us how many of our students are in each bucket for attendance.
- b. There are funding implications when students are absent from school.
- c. An email was sent by Dr. Davis with attendance reminders.
- d. Attendance mandates are state law and enforced by truancy court and fines.
- e. Students must come to school in order to learn what is important to be success on important assessments and to earn credits for their courses and promotion.
- f. Attendance is important for the student and the school. It impacts our accountability and our funding.
- g. It's important that parents understand attendance guidelines are not written by the district. It is state law.
- h. Ms. Hawkins, Wraparound Specialist, has been meeting with students and calling parents regarding student attendance.
- i. Parents receive text messages with attendance alerts.

III. Wraparound Updates

- a. HEB is making an In-Kind donation of food for us to store in our Rose Resource Room. Students who are experiencing a food insecurity at home can come to see Ms. Hawkins to get food to take home.
- b. Ms. Hawkins is also working with local food pantries to make sure students in need have food on the weekends and during breaks.
- c. We no longer have backpack buddy, but we did get approved for the Houston Food Bank Pantry program. They will bring us a deep freezer and set up a room for an approved food storage area. It will be frozen food, cans and boxed food items.

IV. 5th grade Day

- a. Monday, 2/12 and Tuesday, 2/13- 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- b. 402 students (13 schools) will attend on Monday. 477 students (12 schools) will attend on Tuesday.
- c. Rose Ambassadors have been assisting to prepare swag bags.
- d. Students will rotate through campus tours, STEM activities and a panel discussion.

V. Magnet

- a. 160 applicants for 6th grade
- b. Added 40 spots for 9th grade – approximately 140 applications for 9th grade.
- c. Projecting for 500 students for SY 24-25.
- d. The recruitment and tours have been successful.
- e. Tours have been taking place since October.
- f. A 8th grade parent night was held to have a discussion with parents about the benefits of remaining a student at YWCPA.



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VI. Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

- a. 9th graders will visit University of Houston – Week of February 11th.
- b. 7th graders will visit University of Houston Downtown – Week of February 11th.
- c. School Dance – February 17th.
- d. Will post on Remind for any parents that would like to volunteer.
- e. 6th and 7th graders will attend a dance performance at Houston Christian University by the Dallas Black Dance Theater in honor of Black History Month on February 22nd.
Tickets were sponsored by our previous Advisory Chairperson, Mrs. Argentina James.

VII. Black History Program

- a. February 27th during Advocacy – 11:45 am

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 pm

